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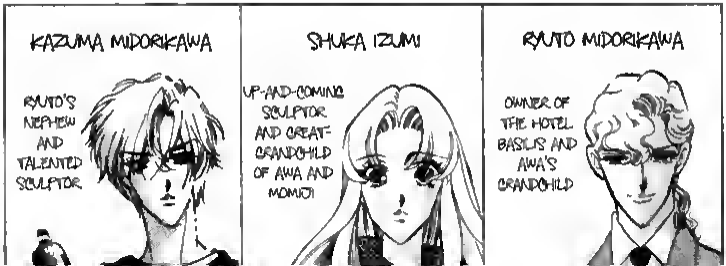
The story so far:

In the year 1925, the horse trainer Momiji, who was taking care of Baron Midorikawa's horse Basilis, fell in love with his nephew Awa. But Awa died due to a tragic accident with Basilis. Momiji fell into a deep depression, but she was carrying Awa's son Hiwa in her. The time passes... and we find ourselves in the present. The young sculptor Shuka advertises her work to the hotel owner, Ryuto Midorikawa, for the contract for the new Basilis statue, the symbol of the hotel chain. She throws Master Shikata out of the running and gets the job. She feels herself drawn to Ryuto. However, scared away by his cruelty, she leaves him to return to the alcoholic Kou Shikata and take care of him.

One day, Ryuto's nephew shows up at Shikata's place.


KAZUMA MIDORIKAWA
RYUTO'S NEPHEW AND TALENTED SCULPTOR
SHUKA IZUMI
UP-AND-COMING SCULPTOR AND GREAT-GRANDCHILD OF AWA AND MOMIJI
RYUTO MIDORIKAWA
OWNER OF THE HOTEL BASILIS AND AWA'S GRANDCHILD

chapter 9 First Love

I'LL FIND MYSELF AN APARTMENT AND A STUDIO.
I, SHOULD MOVE OUT.
SLAM
HERE, THE ASH TRAY!
MADE IT THROUGH.
KOU HAS
HM...

HOUSI
I'M STARTING A NEW LIFE
アパート・マンシ
A WHOLE NEW LIFE
HOUSING
ALONE ...
SHOULD I GO BACK TO GRANDMA AFTER ALL?
ONLY NORMAL APARTMENTS
THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING I NEED?
A PLACE, WHERE I CAN WORK FROM TOO?
ring
ring

KOU
TELL HIM THAT I'M NOT HOME!
IT'S KAZU-MA.
HE GETS ON MY NERVES
KAZUMA MIDORIKAWA!!
SHUKA?
IT'S KAZUMA!
I'M AT THE TRAIN STATION!
STATION
I HEARD THAT!
MASTER SHIKATA IS HOME AFTER ALL
He was from Kyoto!
I DON'T WANT TO DISTURB
BUT CAN I COME BY JUST FOR A LITTLE BIT?
CAN I COME BY AND SHOW MASTER SHIKATA SOME MORE PICTURES OF MY WORK?
KAZUMA?
IT'S ME!
I HAVE STUFF TO DO! YOU CAN'T COME!!
HEH?
EXCUSE ME?!
GEEZ, SUCH A STUBBORN GUY!
GIVE ME THE PHONE!

THINKS THAT THE WORLD REVOLVES AROUND HIM!
THAT GUY IS NUTS!!
CLACK
SHUKA IS PRETTY, ISN'T SHE?
UNDER-STAND?!
I DON'T HAVE TIME!
I DON'T CARE WHAT SHUKA SAID!
I'M HANGING UP NOW ....
YOU'RE THE SAME WAY, KOU!
TYPICAL ARTIST
I'VE CHANGED
NOW I RESPECT
THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS--- YOUR FEELINGS
MANLY EGO

I DIDN'T WANT TO ...
ACKNOW-LEDGE ...
THAT YOU AREN'T COMING BACK TO ME.
KOU...?
Flutter
HERE!
CALL HIM!
HE'S A REALTOR WHO RENTS PLACES TO ARTISTS.
SLAM
THANK YOU

THE ROOM DOESN'T HAVE TO LOOK NICE
BUT IT HAS TO BE BIG!
AND I WORK AT NIGHT.
THE DOOR HAS TO BE BIG ENOUGH FOR MY SCULPTURES
THE RENT HAS TO BE CHEAP!
UNDER-STAND
EVERYONE WANTS THAT!
BUT SUCH PLACES ARE VERY RARE!
WHEN ONE BECOMES FREE, IT'S GONE REALLY FAST!
BUT YOU'RE IN LUCK!
I HAVE ONE FOR YOU!
WHO-EVER COMES FIRST, PAINTS FIRST!
AH, HERE IT IS!
THE OWNER
HAD IT BUILT AS A GUEST HOUSE
IT'S ALREADY 30 YEARS OLD
UP THERE!

THE PERFECT STUDIO!
THE OWNER PAINTED AS WELL...
IT'S... GREAT ...
BUT IT MUST BE EXPEN-SIVE, RIGHT?
ONLY 160,000 YEN PER MONTH!
160,000 ...

THAT WON'T WORK
I DON'T HAVE ANY SAVINGS
JUST BECAUSE I REFUSED RYUTO'S HELP
IT'S A REAL CATCH!
I'M SURE IT IS, BUT...
TAKE IT!
THERE'S ANOTHER FLOOR UPSTAIRS!
DO YOU WANT TO SEE IT?
KAZUMA!
WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
I'LL SHOW HER THE REST!
COME ON!
TAKE A LOOK UPSTAIRS!
KAZUMA, DO YOU WORK IN REAL ESTATE?
SOME-THING LIKE THAT
HE HE
YOU'LL LOVE THIS HOUSE!
YOU CAN PUT A TABLE AND SOME CHAIRS HERE
AND A DRESSER OVER HERE
AND IT'LL BE EVEN NICER WITH CURTAINS!
AND A BED!
AND ALL THIS FOR
80,000 YEN A MONTH!

IF WE SPLIT THE RENT!
80,000 ...?
I CAN AFFORD THAT, BUT
THE AGENT HAD SAID 160,000
80,000 EACH
SLAM
AND I'D LIVE DOWN-STAIRS!
YOU COULD LIVE UPSTAIRS
WE COULD SPLIT THE STUDIO!
THAT WASN'T A JOKE!
WAIT!
DON'T JOKE AROUND!

WE'RE RIVALS!
AND ON TOP OF THAT, MAN AND WOMAN!
I COULD LEARN A LOT FROM YOU!
YOU WERE ALSO SHIKATA'S STUDENT!
WE COULD INSPIRE EACH OTHER!
YOU KNEW ...
THAT I WAS COMING HERE!
THE WHOLE THING WITH THE AGENT ...
YOU ARRANGED IT, DIDN'T YOU!?
YES ...
...
DON'T GET SO UPSET ...
sigh
TYPICAL MIDORIKAWA!
Hmph!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?
DON'T GET ME WRONG!
I DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM!
HONESTLY!

I JUST WANTED US TO SHARE A CHEAPER STUDIO AS COLLEAGUES!
I WANT TO MAKE IT ON MY OWN!
I'VE REFUSED THE HELP OF MY FAMILY!
AND ...
I'M NOT SOME SPOILED BRAT!
HM ...
REALLY
PLEASE!
MOVE IN WITH ME!
GULP!

I...
REALLY LIKE YOU!

I'VE SEEN EYES LIKE THOSE BEFORE
WHAT
BEAUTIFUL EYES.
ON NEO BASILIS.

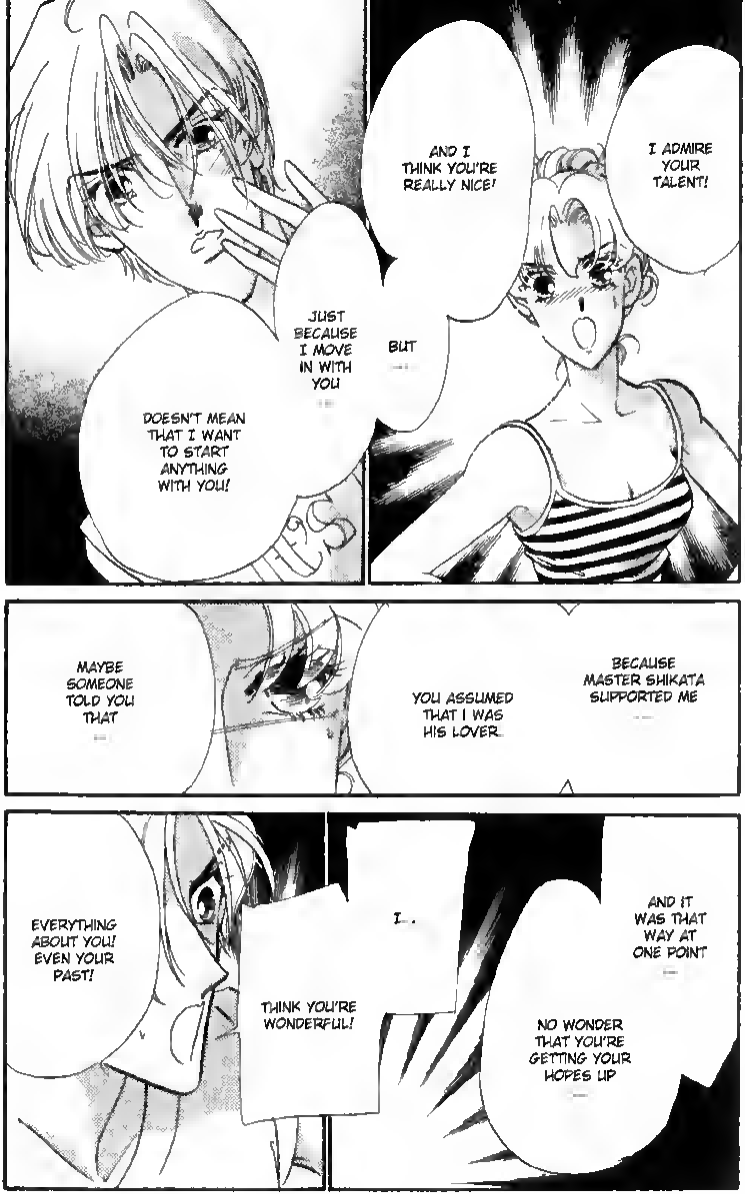
WE HAVE THE MONEY.
GOOD.
THANK YOU.
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO HEAR IT
ALSO
IT'S ABOUT SHUKA
AND ON HIM...
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE SPYING ON HER!
I'M SORRY
I COULDN'T HELP IT.

SHE HAS MOVED OUT OF SHIKATA'S PLACE
YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHO SHE'S MOVING IN WITH.
IT'S
YOUR NEPHEW
KAZUMA!
I KNOW THAT IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS
SATOMI!
YES?
CONTINUE TO WATCH THE TWO!
OKAY
SLAM

VROOM
SHUKA AND KAZUMA?
WHAT DOES SHE WANT FROM HIM?
SHUKA ...
WHY DO YOU TORTURE ME SO?!

WE'LL SHARE THE KITCHEN AND BATHROOM
NEITHER ENTERS THE STUDIO OF THE OTHER WITHOUT PERMISSION
EACH LIVES THEIR LIFE THE WAY THEY WANT TO
YOU USE THE SHOWER IN THE MORNING, AND I'LL USE IT IN THE AFTERNOON.
CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE KAZUMA?
It's Me
YOUR SCULPTURES ARE AMAZING!
THANK YOU!
THIS USAGE OF FORM

!!
I..
FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU, WHEN I SAW
HOW MASTER SHIKATA SMILED AT YOU
JUST A SIMPLE SMILE
AND SINCE THEN I DREAM OF YOU
I WANT TO BECOME AS GOOD AS MASTER SHIKATA!
AND TOGETHER WITH YOU...!
SLAP!
KAZUMA!
WE'LL PUT THAT IN THE CONTRACT AS WELL!


I ADMIRE YOUR TALENT!
AND I THINK YOU'RE REALLY NICE!
BUT
JUST BECAUSE I MOVE IN WITH YOU
DOESN'T MEAN THAT I WANT TO START ANYTHING WITH YOU!
BECAUSE MASTER SHIKATA SUPPORTED ME
YOU ASSUMED THAT I WAS HIS LOVER.
MAYBE SOMEONE TOLD YOU THAT
AND IT WAS THAT WAY AT ONE POINT
NO WONDER THAT YOU'RE GETTING YOUR HOPES UP
I...
THINK YOU'RE WONDERFUL!
EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU! EVEN YOUR PAST!

YOU DON'T WANT TO?
I'M SORRY
I'VE HAD SOME VERY BAD EXPERIENCES
BUT I'VE LEARNED FROM THEM
I'VE LEARNED THAT
EVERYONE, WHO THINKS POORLY OF SOMEONE ELSE
SHOULD ACT EXACTLY SO.
IT'S SAD
BUT THAT'S THE WAY IT IS

START AN AFFAIR WITH EACH OTHER.
AND UNDER NO CIRCUM-STANCES
AS FRIENDS.
WE SHOULD GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER SLOWLY.
THAT'S WHY
NO!

WHAT...?
THAT'S UNNATURAL!
AND THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANT!
THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT?
I DON'T CARE!
It's Me
YEAH, SO?
I DON'T LIKE LITTLE BOYS!
YOU THINK —
IT WOULD BE NATURAL IF WE JUST SLEPT WITH EACH OTHER RIGHT AWAY?!
HE'S SO STUBBORN!

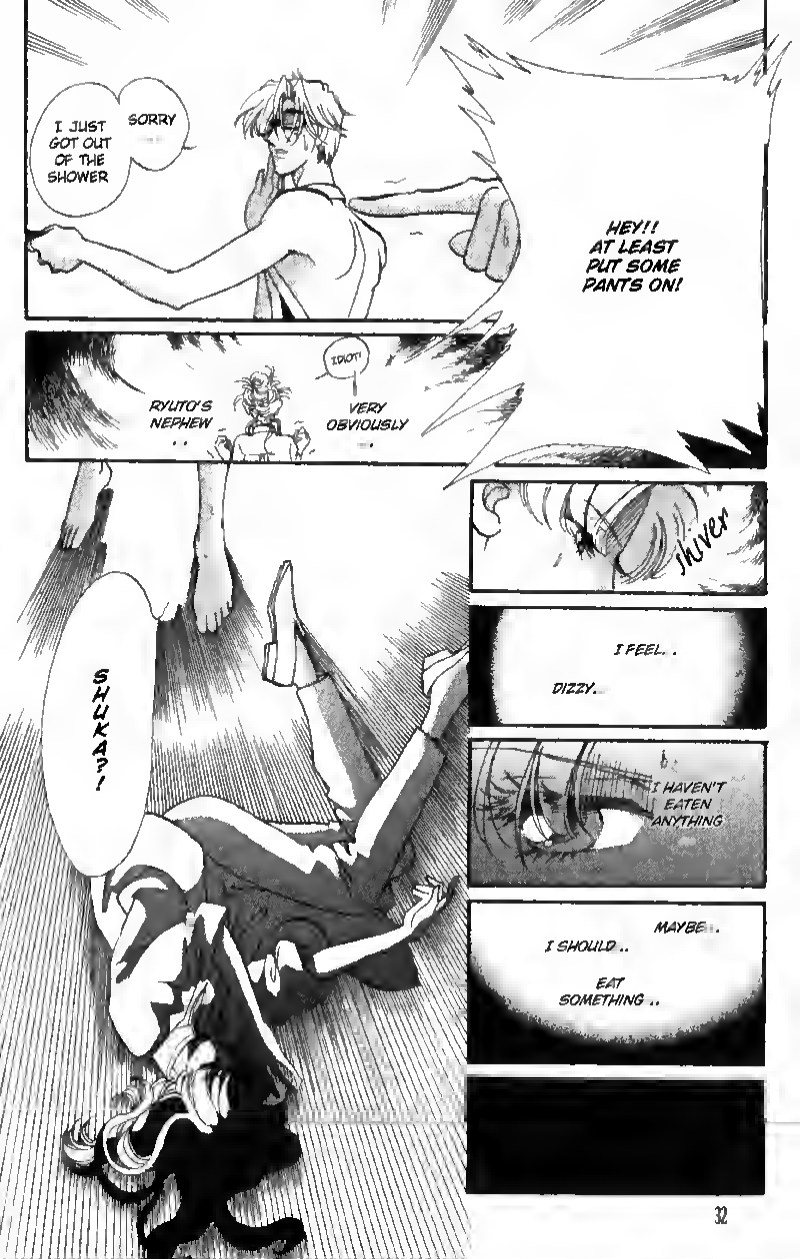
whoosh
WHAM
It's Me
Boy
OUCH!
WHAT'S WRONG?
HE REALLY IS STILL A BOY.
HIHI

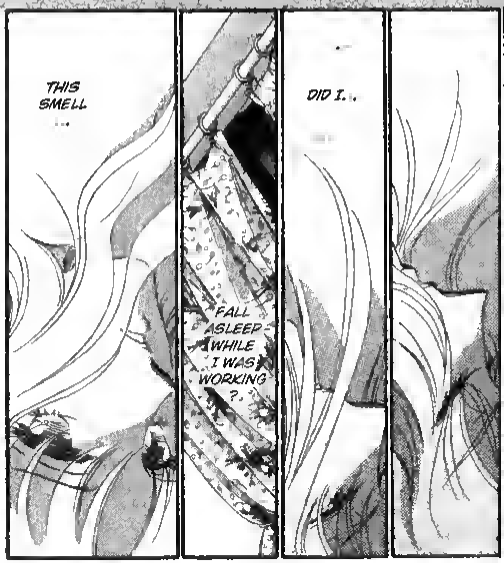
SILENCE
TURN YOUR MUSIC DOWN!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
WHAT IS IT NOW?
IS HE MAD?
VROOM
SUZUKI

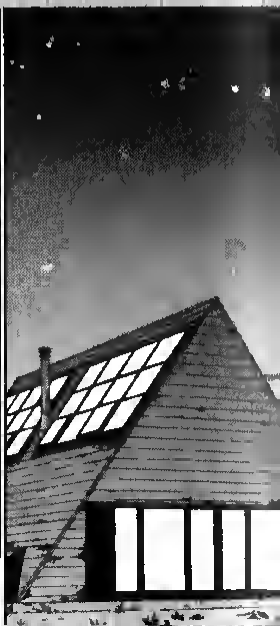
Phew
3.6
3.6
NNN
THAT BOY ...
MUST HAVE COME HOME AND WORKED.

I CAN DO THAT TOO!
WOW!

DEFINITELY!
I'M AS GOOD AS HE IS!
EH...
SHUKA
I MADE TOO MUCH OMELETTE
DO YOU WANT ANY?
knock knock
AND, DO YOU ?
NO
AH... TO CUT THE ONION.
WHAT'S UP WITH THE GLASSES . ?
WELL, THEN
I DON'T NEED ANY-THING.


I JUST GOT OUT OF THE SHOWER
SORRY
HEY!! AT LEAST PUT SOME PANTS ON!
RYUTO'S NEPHEW..
IDIOT!
VERY OBVIOUSLY
SHIVER
I FEEL.. DIZZY..
I HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING
MAYBE.. I SHOULD.. EAT SOMETHING..
SHUKA?!

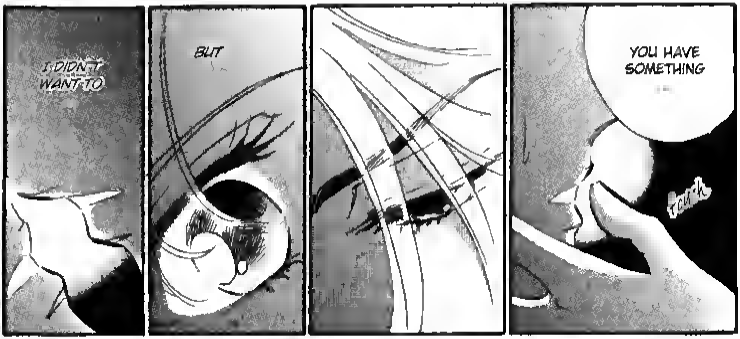

THIS SMELL...
I FALL ASLEEP WHILE I WAS WORKING?
DID I..



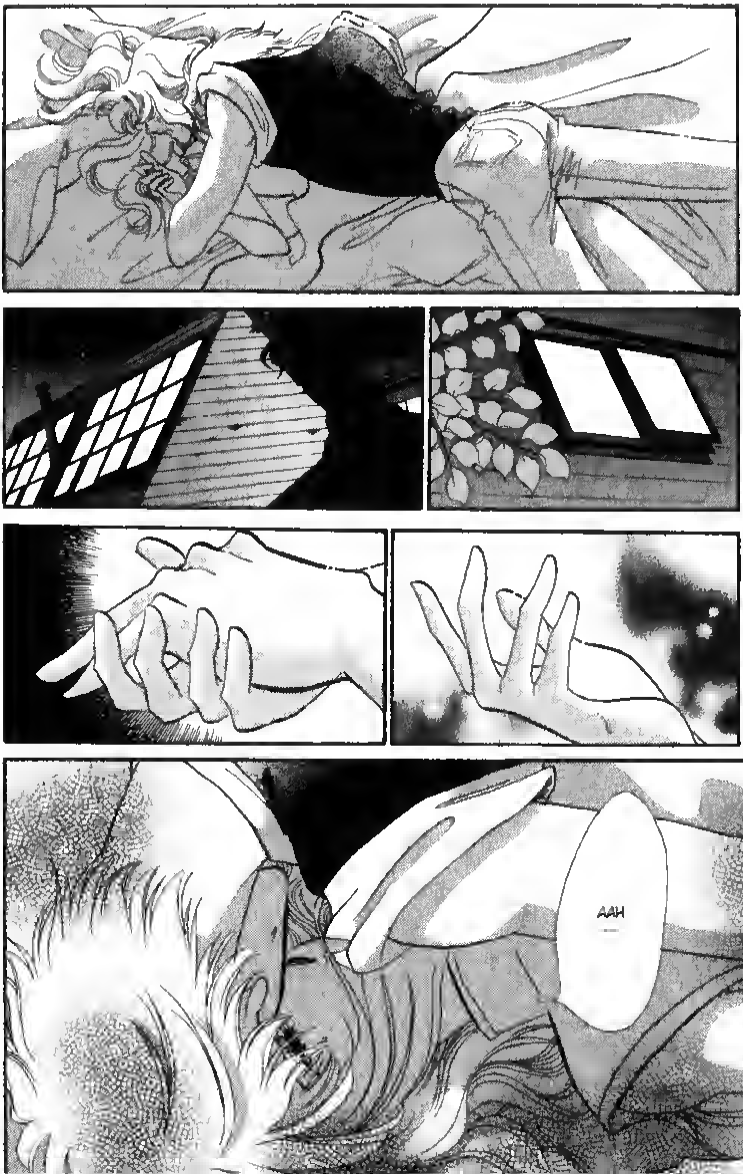
FIRST YOU TOOK CARE ...
OF MASTER SHIKATA, AND THEN THE MOVE ...
IT WAS TOO MUCH!
THE DOCTOR CAME ...
HE SAID IT WAS JUST FATIGUE AND HUNGER.
AH, YOU'RE AWAKE?

SHUKA?
I...
YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
SHUKA
EAT!
YOU'LL FEEL MUCH BETTER!
DID YOU
MAKE ALL OF THIS FOR ME?
COME ON
EAT A LITTLE

I WAS THE ONE WHO WAS RECKLESS!
NOBODY HAS EVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THIS FOR ME BEFORE!
YOU'RE A MAN
KAZUMA.
I DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT IT
THANK YOU!
IT'S VERY GOOD!
I CAN SUDDENLY SEE THE MAN IN HIM
SHUKA
STRANGE
KAZUMA



START ANYTHING WITH HIM!


AAH

SHUKA
...
Ding Dong
SHUKA
HM

Ding Dong
Ding Dong
I'M SORRY... I...
COULDN'T HELP MYSELF
WHO COULD THAT BE?
DID THE DOCTOR FORGET SOMETHING?
HOLD ON, I'M COMING!

MY HEART IS RACING
LIKE NEVER BEFORE
BUT HE...
WAS MUCH MORE EXCITED.
KAZUMA?
I WANTED TO START OVER NEW!
NO!
I CAN'T DO THIS!
WHO IS IT?
WHO

RYUTO!

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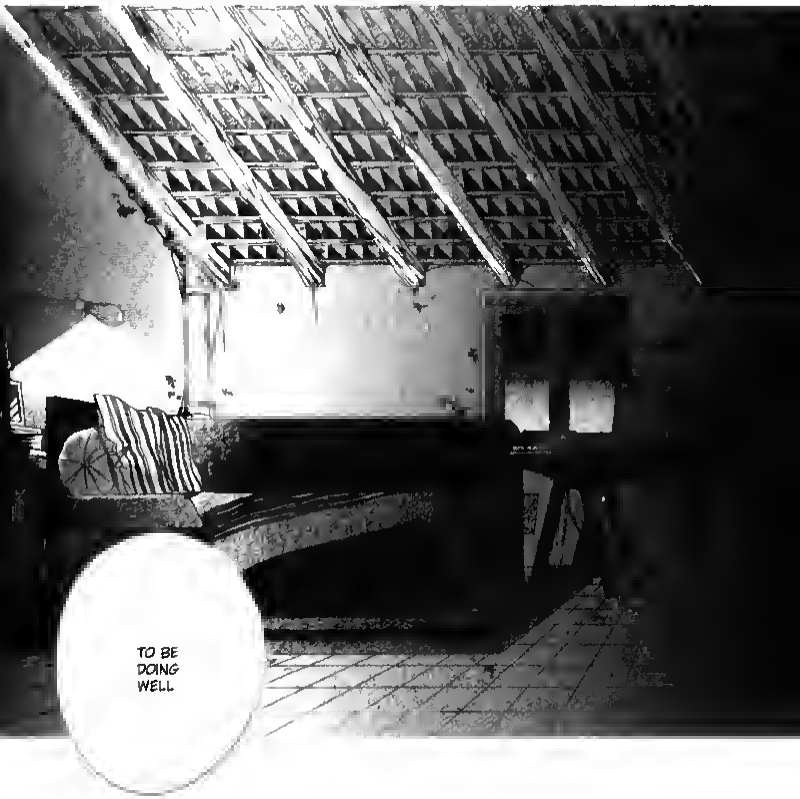
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, RYLITO?


YOU SEEM
TO BE DOING WELL

YOU MOVED AWAY FROM HOME
AND ARE STANDING ON YOUR OWN TWO FEET.
YOU'RE LIVING IN QUESTIONABLE CIRCUM-STANCES!
I DIDN'T THINK
YOU'D GO SO FAR
KAZUMA.

IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY
YOU WERE STILL IN DIAPERS, AND CLINGING TO YOUR MOTHER'S SKIRT!
WHERE IS THIS HOSTILITY COMING FROM?
I DON'T WANT TO BE GUARDED BY YOU ANYMORE!
I SIMPLY MOVED OUT!
I DIDN'T RUN AWAY!
I CONTROL YOUR INHERITANCE UNTIL YOUR 22ND BIRTHDAY!
I'VE BEEN YOUR LEGAL GUARDIAN SINCE THE DEATH OF MY SISTER!
RYUTO... KAZUMA...
THEY'RE UNCLE AND NEPHEW!

WHAT'S UP WITH THIS?
THAT YOU DON'T STRAY FROM THE RIGHT PATH!
I PROMISED HER THAT I'D WATCH OUT
YOU CAN KEEP IT!
THE HOTEL BELONGS TO YOU, THAT'S WHY YOU RUINED EVEN YOUR RELATIVES!
I DON'T WANT TO JUST BE YOUR FOLLOWER FOR THE HOTEL BASILIS!
LET ME LIVE MY OWN LIFE!!
BECAUSE OF HIS SICKNESS?
HE'S CONTROLLING THE HOTEL JUST FOR KAZUMA?
WHAT
DO YOU WANT FROM KAZUMA?
RYUTO?
HE WANTED TO LEAVE THE HOTEL TO KAZUMA?!

ARE YOU DOING THIS BECAUSE HE'S MY NEPHEW?
NO...
AND JUST FOR THE RECORD ...
THESE AREN'T QUESTIONABLE CIRCUMSTANCES!
BUT YOU'RE LIVING TOGETHER!!
HOLD ON ...
WE'RE IN LOVE!

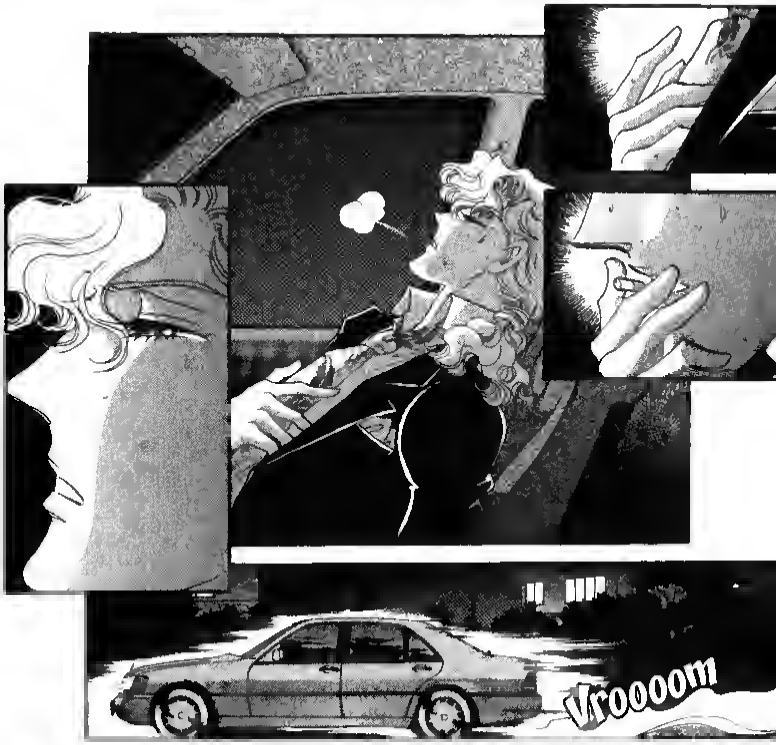
THIS ONE IS A BIT TOO MUCH FOR YOU.
...
WHAT? DO YOU KNOW HER, MAYBE?
VERY WELL, ACTUALLY ...
SWOOSH
THIS IS ME!
HE COMMISSIONED ME TO MAKE THE NEW BASILIS STATUE

BUT THAT'S HISTORY!
SHE CAN TALK WELL TOO
COULD BE
BEFORE, MAYBE
WATCH OUT!
SHE JUST USES EVERY-ONE
FOR OWN HER PUR-POSES!
SLUT!

GRAB
TAKE THAT BACK!!
WHAM
CRASH

KAZUMA...
YOU PIG!
GET RID OF HER!
TAKE MY ADVICE!
I'M SORRY ...
PLEASE FORGIVE ME, SHUKA.
GO AWAY!
Wham
IT'S FINE, KAZUMA.

IS EVERY-
THING OKAY?
pant
pant
pant

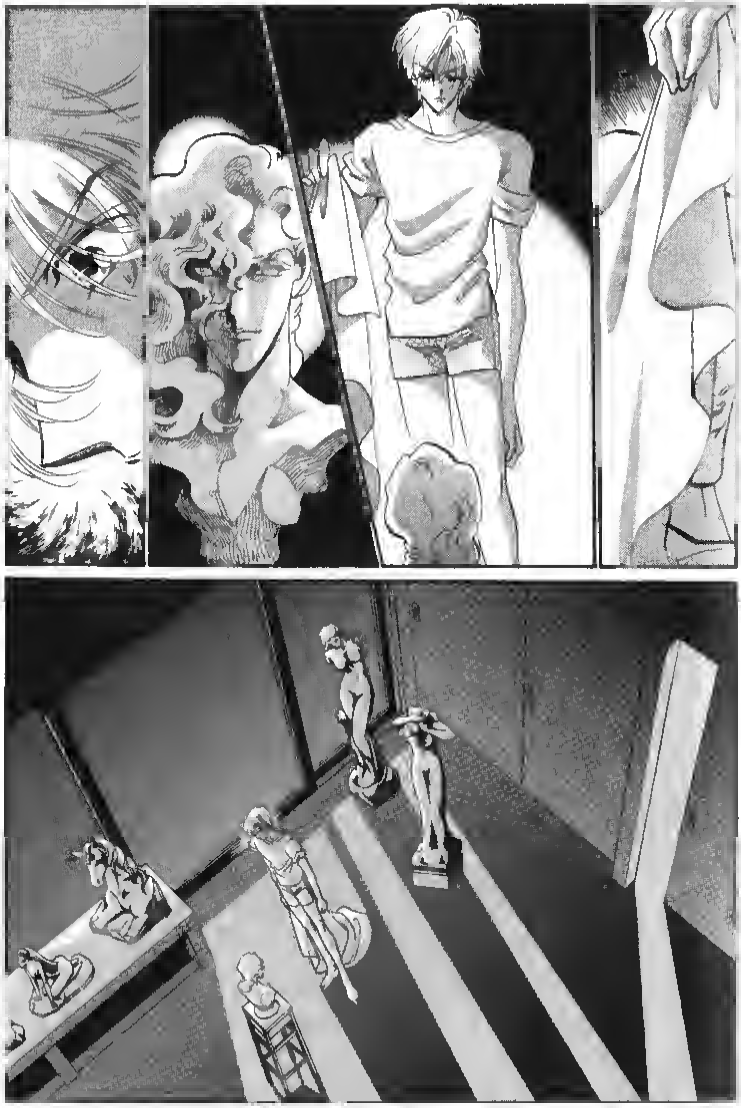

Vroooom

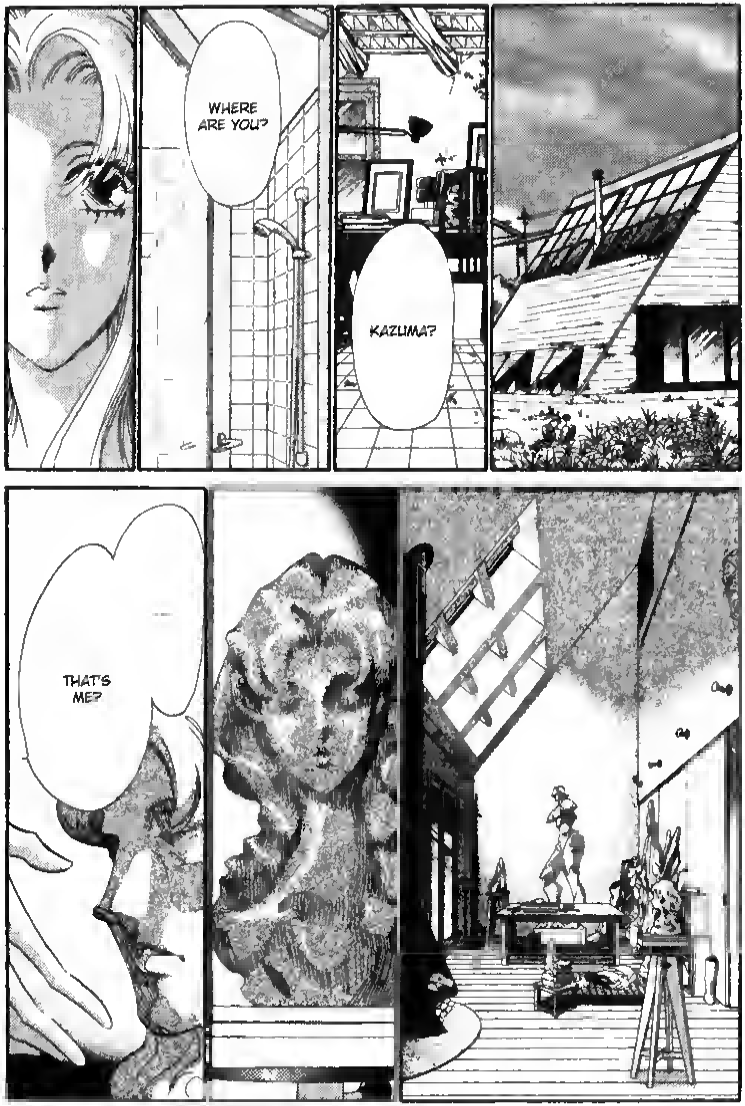
KAZUMA
THEN
GOOD NIGHT.
ACTUALLY, DID YOU KNOW ...
THAT MY UNCLE IS SICK?
...

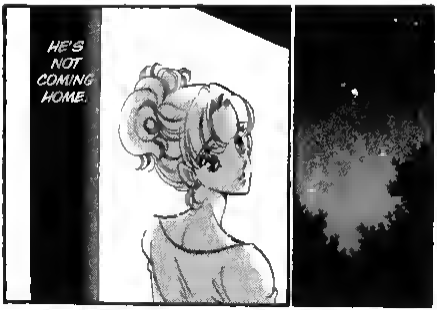
I WAS THERE WHEN HE COLLAPSED.
HE KEEPS IT A SECRET.
MAYBE IT'S JUST OUT OF GENER-OSITY
THAT YOU'RE TO BE HIS FOLLOWER.
HE WAS ALWAYS
BEEN SICKLY
HE JUST DOESN'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE
I'M SURE THIS ISN'T GENEROSITY!
MY OWN MOTHER... DIED 10 YEARS AGO
SHE WAS 9 YEARS OLDER THAN HIM
WHEN THEIR PARENTS DIED, HE BECAME VERY ATTACHED TO HIS SISTER.
BUT THEN, ONE DAY
SHE LOOKS A LOT LIKE RYUTO

MY MOTHER FELL IN LOVE WITH A POOR STUDENT.
THEY WERE MARRIED AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE WHOLE FAMILY.
AND HE WAS ALL ALONE ...
SURROUNDED BY ENEMIES WHO WOULDN'T EVEN COME TO THE FUNERAL ...
AN OUTSIDER.
...
SHUKA ...
HE PREFERS TO FORCE ME TO TAKE OVER THE COMPANY ...
BUT ...
THAN TO LEAVE IT ALL TO THE HATED RELATIVES
I'M THE SON OF THE MAN WHO TOOK HIS SISTER AWAY FROM HIM.
DOES HE WORRY YOU THAT MUCH?

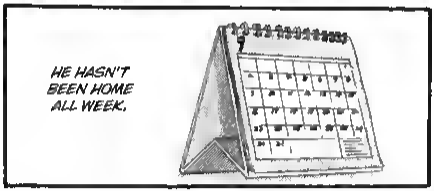
I ONLY
FEEL SORRY FOR HIM
Goodnight
I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM.
REALLY
THAT WAS GRATITUDE
GOOD NIGHT!
AND MASTER SHIKATA?

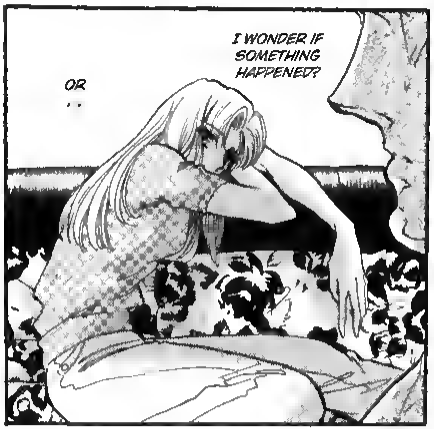



WHERE ARE YOU?
KAZUMA?
THAT'S ME?


HE'S NOT COMING HOME.

NOT TODAY.


HE HASN'T BEEN HOME ALL WEEK.


I WONDER IF SOMETHING HAPPENED?
OR . . .

HOW PRETTY

NO WONDER
OR IS HE JUST TIRED . .
OF LIVING TOGETHER WITH ME?
WITH SOMEONE LIKE ME.
THAT'S COMING FROM KAZUMA'S WORK ROOM!
WHAM
WHAM
HUH?
BAM
WHAM

KAZUMA!
HEY!
WHAM
WHAM
YOU'RE BREAKING IT!
CLONK
STOP IT!
CLONK
STOP IT!!
WHAM

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SHUKA?
SHUKA!
I'M SORRY!
HOLD ON!
FROM
DUMMY
PLEASE DON'T DIE!
THAT
PEOPLE DON'T DIE
I'M

THE BUST OF ME?
WHY DID YOU DESTROY IT?
TELL ME ...
IT HURTS SO MUCH
IT HURTS TO THINK ABOUT IT
MASTER SHIKATA... MY UNCLE
I LEFT SO I WOULDN'T SEE YOU
TO SEE YOUR FACE

PLEASE... MAKE A NEW BUST!
I WAS SO HAPPY ABOUT IT...
WAIT...
I'M ALL DIRTY!
GU GU GU
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
OTHERWISE... YOU'LL GET DIRTY...
TOO...

WE SHOULD GET CLEANED UP.
COME UNDER THE SHOWER.

I'LL MAKE A NEW ...
SCULPTURE OF YOU.

IT'S REALLY WEIRD
TO BE MAKING A LIFE-SIZED SCULPTURE OF YOU.
TRUE
...
BUT I'VE ALWAYS LIKED
...
THAT SCULPTING
...
IS SUCH A SINFUL ART.

MAYBE IT'S AN ERROR AT THE BANK
ASK THEM ABOUT IT!
OK
MY CHECK!
EVERY MONTH, I GET MONEY
FROM MY MOTHER'S INHERITANCE
WHAT?
WIERD
NO MONEY ARRIVED AGAIN THIS MONTH
I'M SURE YOU'LL SELL SOMETHING AT THE GALLERY!
I ALMOST DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY ANYMORE EITHER.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
OR SHOULD I ASK THE GALLERY FOR AN ADVANCE?
AM I SUPPOSED TO STARVE UNTIL THEN?
NEXT YEAR IN JANUARY!

WHAT?
DENIED?!
GALERIE GALATEA
ラオケ
FOR EXTRA ROOMS
WE'RE ALREADY LOOKING
BUT WE'RE COMPLETELY BOOKED!
I'M VERY SORRY
NOW I'M IN TROUBLE.
YES
I WAS DEPENDING ON THIS!
I'M SURE THAT I CAN
LET YOU KNOW SOMETHING MORE CONCRETE SOON!
I'LL DO MY BEST.

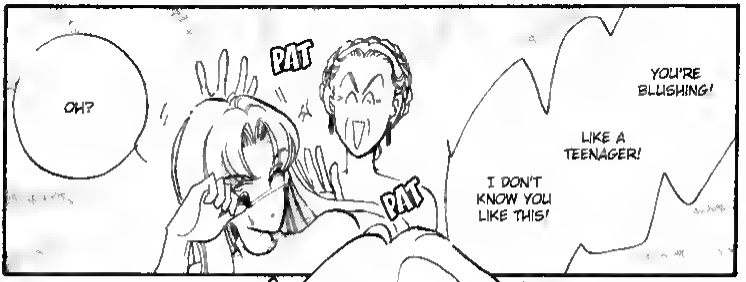
VROOOOOM
DOES SHUKA IZUMI LIVE HERE? I'M HERE GRAND-MOTHER.
YEAH, RIGHT THERE!
GREAT TIMING!
HERE IS HER MAIL!
MIDORI-KAWA ?
HELLO! MISTER MAIL-MAN!
I HAVE A QUESTION
AW
DON'T BE SAD!
I'M HERE TOO, YOU KNOW
FOR RENT OR FOOD!
BUT THEN I CAN'T PAY
YOU SEE
HM... TRUE
THIS IS SO FRUS-TRA-TING!
WE'RE ASKED FOUR GALLERIES, AND NOBODY HAS A SHOW ROOM FREE!
STRANGE, ISN'T IT?
SHUKA

WHO ARE YOU ?!
KNOCK!
HEH?
WHAM
AND WHO ARE YOU?
SHUKA'S GRANDMOTHER
I'M SO SORRY!!
YOUR
GRAND-MOTHER ?
GRANDMA!

I WANTED TO PROTECT SHUKA
THAT'S ALL!
GRAND-MA!
ARE YOU LIVING WITH HER
HM
BOY?
I BEG FOR YOUR FORGIVE-NESS!
I DIDN'T KNOW WHO YOU WERE, AND...
AND WHAT?
I MAY STILL BE A BOY
BUT ONE DAY I'LL BE A FAMOUS ARTIST!
GRAND-MOTHER
TO MARRY SHUKA!
I WANT
EH
Sob...

I'LL MAKE SHUKA HAPPY! I PROMISE!
KAZUMA...
HM... I SEE
HERE, YOU MUST BE KAZUMA MIDORI-KAWA
WHAT? HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
HERE'S AN EXPRESS LETTER FOR YOU!
AH... THANK YOU
DON'T YOU WANT TO READ IT?
PLEASE EXCUSE ME...
HM

A NICE BOY.
YES ...
HE IS.
AFTER ALL, HE'S MINE
Slurp
HI HI!


YOU'RE BLUSHING!
LIKE A TEENAGER!
I DON'T KNOW YOU LIKE THIS!
PAT
PAT
OH?

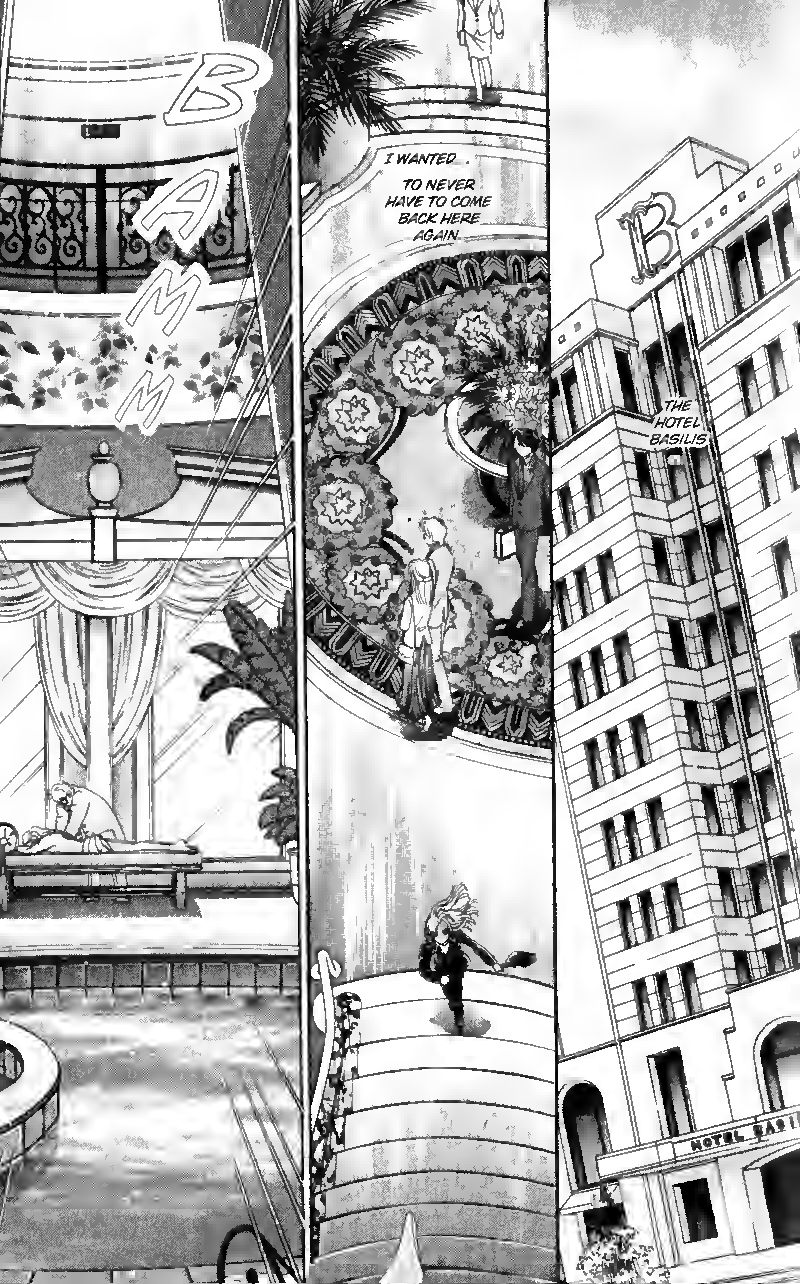
YOU KNOW ...
IT'S THE FIRST TIME
THAT SOMEONE HAS TOLD ME, "I LOVE YOU"...
I AND REALLY FEEL HIS FEELINGS

A WAVE OF FEELINGS ROLL OVER ME
WHAT HE FEELS
IT DEPENDS SOLELY ON ME
HE REACTS TO EVERY-THING THAT I DO
ARE SO PURE WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER
AND OUR HEARTS
...
EVERONE BECOMES A KID AGAIN.
WHEN YOU FIND THE RIGHT PERSON ...
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH AGE!
YOU'VE GROWN UP QUICKLY!
I'M HAPPY FOR YOU.

HE'S RYUTO'S NEPHEW!
REALLY!
FATE
THAT HIS NAME IS ALSO MIDO-RIKAWA
HE IS A MIDORIKAWA!
SLAM
KAZUMA?
I KNOW WHY I HAVEN'T BEEN GETTING ANY MONEY!
WHAT?
I ASKED ABOUT IT!
WITH THE LAWYER WHO TOOK CARE OF MY MOTHER'S WILL!
RYUTO HAS STOPPED THE PAYMENTS!

SHUKA?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'M SORRY, GRANDMA!
I HAVE TO GO FOR A LITTLE BIT!
I HAVE TO GO TO THE HOTEL BASILIS!
TO THE BASILIS—?
TO RYUTO?!
HE'S PROBABLY BLOCKING MY SHOWINGS TOO!
HE WANTS TO DESTROY OUR LIVES!
BUT I WON'T LET HIM!
SHUKA

70 YEARS AGO?
LIKE IT WAS 70 YEARS AGO.
JUST LIKE BACK THEN
OH!
SHUKA DIDN'T TELL YOU?
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY FAMILY?
70 YEARS AGO
THAT'S WHERE IT ALL STARTED
THE BARON MIDORIKAWA BOUGHT THE FAMOUS HORSE BASILIS
THE FIGHT BETWEEN HIM AND HIS NEPHEW, AWA
AND MOMIJI, WHO AWA HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH
MOMIJI?


BAMM
I WANTED . . .
TO NEVER HAVE TO COME BACK HERE AGAIN.
THE HOTEL BASIL IS

I TOLD HER
THAT YOU WERE WITH A MASSEUSE.
IT'S FINE
SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING IMPORTANT.
IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'LL STAY LIKE THIS, SHUKA
I WON'T HAVE TIME LATER
I'M SORRY THAT I HAVE TO RECEIVE YOU HERE
I HAVEN'T BEEN DOING SO WELL LATELY
RYUTO

YOU'RE KAZUMA'S LEGAL GUARDIAN!
YOU TOOK AWAY HIS FINANCIAL RESOURCES!
AND YOU ....
KEEP TRYING TO MESS ME UP TOO!
YOU'RE TRYING TO START SOMETHING WITH US!
WHY?
IS IT FUN FOR YOU?!
YES, I THINK IT'S FUN!
BE-CAUSE YOU
BOTH OF YOU
HAVE MISUSED MY TRUST!

I GET IT!
BUT IT DOESN'T BOTHER US!
WE CAN WORK.
IF YOU HAVE TO WORK TOO HARD
YOU LOSE YOUR CREA-TIVITY
WITH TIME.
YOU COULD BE EVEN BETTER THAN MASTER SHIKATA
AND KAZUMA IS ALREADY STANDING ON HIS OWN TWO FEET.
I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY EYES...
WHEN I SAW HIS COPY OF THE RODIN FIGURE.
BOTH OF YOU
ARE VERY TALEN-TED.
BUT AS LONG AS I'M BLOCKING YOU, YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE.
LISTEN TO MY ADVICE
BEFORE YOU CRASH AND BURN!

I WANT, THAT BOTH YOU AND KAZUMA EACH MAKE A BASILIS FIGURE!
THE BETTER ONE WILL GO IN THE HOTEL IN PARIS.
YOU WANT TO TURN US INTO RIVALS?
I WON'T PLAY ALONG!
KAZUMA WOULD ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!
gulp

THINK ABOUT KAZUMA'S FUTURE!
RIGHT?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

WHOOSH
SOMEONE LIKE YOU
YOU WANT IT, DON'T YOU?
EH THE MASSAGE IS DONE!
I'LL LEAVE NOW
ISN'T THIS AGAINST YOUR PRINCIPLES?
THE DOOR WAS OPEN, AND I HEARD EVERYTHING
CRICK

DO YOU LOVE THAT WOMAN ... THAT MUCH?
WHAT ...
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

AND WHAT HAPPENED TO AWA?
HE WAS THROWN OFF OF BASILIS ...
AND DIED!

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chapter 11 Storm Wind

BASILIS
THREW HIM OFF!
BE CAREFUL!
ENDED IN ANA'S DEATH!
AND SHUKA'S GRANDMOTHER, MOMIS!
THE LOVE BETWEEN YOUR GREAT GRANDFATHER

KAZUMA!
...
SHUKA
...
YOU SMELL SO GOOD, SHUKA
IS THAT SO? DID YOU KNOW
...
THE STORY
...
DOESN'T REFLECT ITSELF

FREE! I GOT A WHOLE BUNCH!
THERE'S A SAMPLE STAND AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE!
YUMMY!
Oh! ♪♪
Ta-da! ♪♪
WE HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING SINCE YESTERDAY
I ALREADY FEEL PRETTY POOR!
HA HA!
THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING!
WE HAVE YET TO EXPERIENCE REAL POVERTY
70 YEARS AGO
MOMIJI AND AWA
WOULD HAVE LIVED LIKE THIS TOO
IF AWA HADN'T DIED

AWA'S UNCLE HAD FOLLOWED THEM
JUST LIKE RYUTO IS FOLLOWING US
SHUK..!
KAZUMA!!
YOU GOT THAT FROM MY GRANDMA!
THAT WON'T HAPPEN TO US!!
IF YOU'RE SO AFRAID OF YOUR UNCLE
THEN JUST GO BACK TO HIM!

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
PLOP
Heh
!!
BOTH OF US ARE
A LITTLE OUT OF IT

FIRST
THAT I WOULD NEVER LEAVE YOU.
I SWORE TO YOU
SECOND, THAT I WOULD
NEVER WHINE AGAIN
EVEN WHEN I'M HUNGRY
HIHI!
AND THIRD
THAT I WON'T DIE!
I PROMISE!

WE'LL BE HAPPY.
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS.
SATOMI

WHAT DO YOU WANT?
SO?
YOU JUST KEEP WORKING ON YOUR SCULPTURES
BUT
YOU'RE BEHIND ON RENT.
YOUR PHONE NUMBER IS DISCONNECTED
I'M HERE
THAT YOU'RE ALSO WELCOME, MISS SHUKA
RYUTO WANTS YOU TO KNOW
UNTIL THEN
TWO?
!!
NEXT WEEK IN KITA-KARUIZAWA.
BECAUSE OF THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KAZUMA'S MOTHER
I HAVE TRAIN TICKETS FOR YOU.

THAT'S RIGHT
10 YEARS AGO
IS WHEN MOTHER DIED.
WHAM
IT'S WIERD
HE DOESN'T WANT US TO BE TOGE-THER
I WON'T GO!
SHUKA
PLEASE COME!
I WANT TO SHOW YOU
MY MOTHER'S GRAVE
AND TELL HER THAT I'VE FOUND LOVE!

AND THAT FATE HAS BROUGHT US TOGETHER
KAZUMA

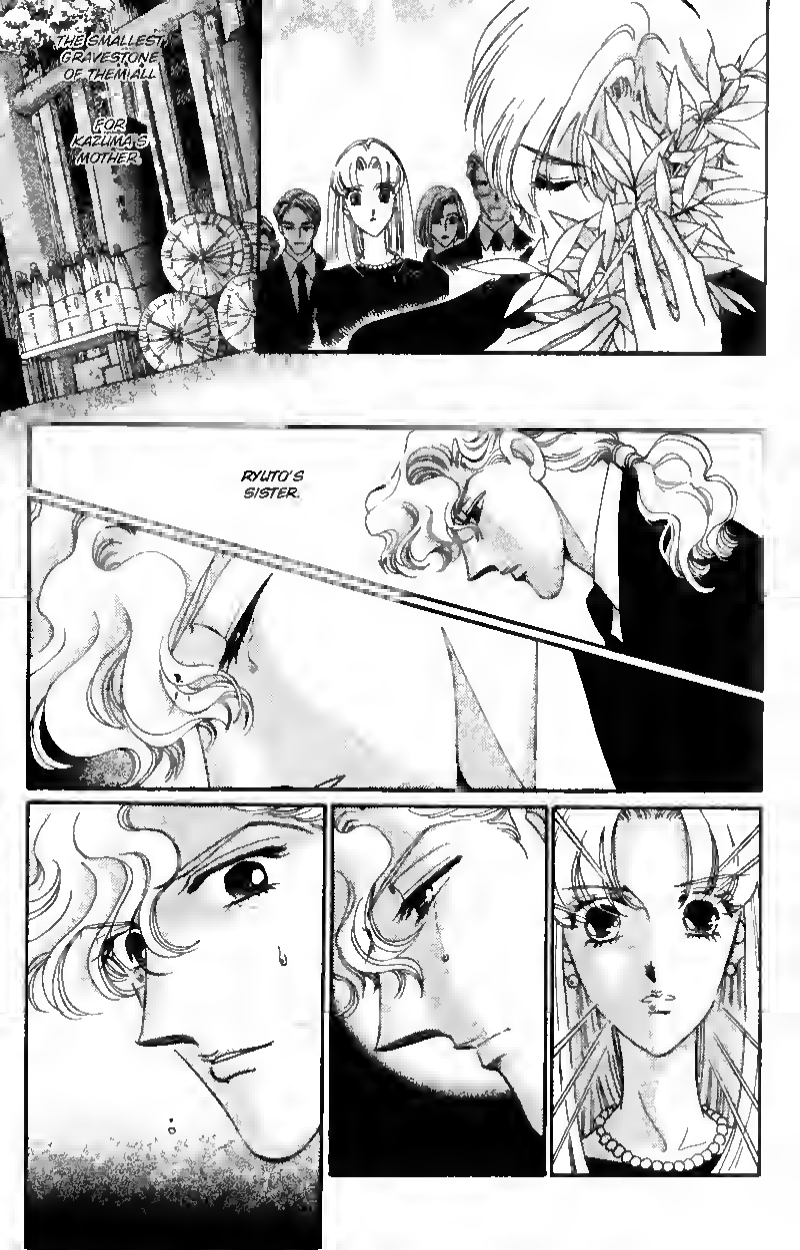
NEO BASILIS!

HOW ARE YOU ?!
I'M SO HAPPY ...
TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
WHINNEY
I ONLY KNOW HORSES FROM A DISTANCE...
THAT'S NICE ...
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU LIKED NEO BASILIS SO MUCH
YES!
FROM WHEN I WAS HERE LAST TIME!

JUST LIKE RYUTO...
THEY TREATED HER POORLY...
ANY-THING TO DO WITH THE FAMILY...
MOTHER DIDN'T WANT ...
I DON'T LIKE THE MIDORIKAWAS EITHER!
MOTHER AND I LIVED IN IZU...
WE WERE RARELY HERE...
EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE SO MANY HORSES HERE?
NOBODY DARES SPEAK UP TO HIM!
SINCE THAT INCIDENT ...
HE'S IN CHARGE OF THE MIDORIKAWA GROUP NOW...
WHY ...
THE MEMORIAL?
YOU MEAN ...
WHAT?!
SINCE RURI'S UNCLE KILLED HIM-SELF...
MY BROTHER RYUTO WANTED IT!

TELL ME
DID RYUTO INVITE HER TOO?
SHE WAS TOGETHER WITH RYUTO, WASN'T SHE?
NOW IT'S KAZUMA?
YES, AND BEFORE HIM IT WAS THAT SCULPTOR.
THE SLUT!
THOSE...!
LEAVE THEM!
I'M USED TO IT!
YOU HAVE SOME NERVES, SHUKA.
PLEASE COME TO THE GRAVE NOW!
THE MASS WILL BEGIN SHORTLY!

RYUTO...
KAZUMA ...
YOU HAVE TO GO STAND AT THE FRONT!
...
GO AHEAD, KAZUMA!
I'LL TELL MY MOTHER ABOUT US!


THE SMALLEST GRAVESTONE OF THEM ALL.
FOR KAZUMA'S MOTHER.
RYUTO'S SISTER.

HE'S CRYING.
KAZUMA!
YES
SHUKA
THE MASS IS OVER.
LET'S GO IN-SIDE!
PITY FOR YOU
WE'RE BOTH WORKING ON SCULPTURES!
ARE YOU WORKING ON SOME-THING?
HOW'S YOUR ART?

WE'RE LEAVING!
I WANT TO MAKE THE BID FOR THE BASILIS FIGURE
COMPLETELY OPEN TO ANYONE!
THE BEST AMONG THE COMPETITORS
WILL FINISH THE SCULPTURE!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
YOU WANT TO GIVE THE ASSIGNMENT TO JUST ANYBODY?
DO WHAT YOU WANT TO!
WE HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT ANY-MORE!
COME ON!
WAIT!

SHUKA ...
I CAN'T ALLOW ANYONE ELSE TO MAKE IT!!
THIS FIGURE IS SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO ME!!
I WOULD PREFER ...
SOMEONE FROM THE MIDORIKAWA FAMILY.
BUT I'VE ACTUALLY ALREADY DECIDED.
OFFICIALLY, I'LL MAKE THE BID OPEN ...
SPECI-FICALLY, YOU ...
KAZUMA!

HEH
HA HA HA HA!
HA HA HA!
DID YOU SEE THAT ?!
FOR A MOMENT THERE, SHE HATED YOU!
HER LOOK WAS ONE OF RIVALRY!
ART IS MORE IMPORTANT TO HER THAN YOU ARE!

RIVALRY?
SO IT'S LIKE THAT NOW...
FOR A MOMENT...
WE SAW EACH OTHER IN A COMPLETELY NEW LIGHT

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Grab
IF YOU DON'T STOP BOTHERING US...!
THEN WHAT?
STOP IT!
YOU MEAN ME?
DON'T JUDGE PEOPLE ACCORDING TO YOUR STANDARDS!
AT LEAST, SHE DOES!
YOU ALSO WANT TO KNOW WHICH ONE OF YOU IS BETTER!

drip
drop
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY MORE ABOUT THIS!

WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE
BEFORE THE WEATHER GETS ANY WORSE
GOOD-BYE!
RYUTO
KAZUMA
PLEASE EXCUSE US!
I'M AFRAID...
THAT WE'VE NOW SEEN SOMETHING ABOUT EACH OTHER THAT WE DIDN'T WANT TO SEE.

SHOOT! I CAN'T STAND .... RYUTO'S GRUMPY MOOD ANY LONGER!
GLOOMY
JUST LIKE A DICTATOR!
ISN'T HE BEHAVING AWFULLY?
HIS EMPLOYEES AREN'T GOING TO TAKE THIS FOREVER.
SOONER OR LATER, THERE'S GOING TO BE A REV-OLUTION!
FOR SURE!
WE'RE LEAVING TOO.
COME ON!

RYUTO!

DOES IT HURT?
QUIET!
NOBODY CAN FIND OUT!
I JUST NEED MY MEDICINE.
WHERE IS IT?
WHEN YOU DO THAT, IT'S IMMEDIATELY BETTER
JUST LIKE BEFORE.
NOTHING LEFT HERE
THE REST IS IN TOKYO!

KA-ZUMA
LIS-TEN
HM?
YES?
YOU CAN DRIVE, RIGHT?
YES
THEN PLEASE COME WITH ME!
YOU NEED TO BRING RYUTO HIS MEDICINE FROM TOKYO!
WHY DO I NEED TO COME?

I HAVE BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO IN TOKYO!
I WON'T BE ABLE TO RETURN TONIGHT!
PLEASE BRING RYUTO HIS MEDICINE!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST CALL AN AMBULANCE?!
BECAUSE ALL HE NEEDS IS HIS MEDECINE!
AS HIS NEPHEW—!
DO YOU WANT TO LET YOUR UNCLE DOWN?
KAZUMA...
VROOM
SPLASSSSSH

NOW WE'RE FINALLY ALONE
Huh?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
GO LAY DOWN!
DO YOU HEAR ME?

LAY DOWN!
RYU...
!!

GRAB
RYUTO!!
STOP IT!
YOU'RE SICK...
YOU'LL MAKE IT WORSE...
HE-HE
RYUTO!
I'M PERFECTLY FINE!

NO!!
DID HE TRICK US?
HE FAKED HIS ATTACK?

KAZUMA ...!
SSPLASH
WITH THIS RAIN
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FASTER WITH THE TRAIN!
IT'S FINE
WE'RE NOT GETTING ANY-WHERE!
THE ROAD KEEPS CURVING
AND I DON'T KNOW THE WAY!
DON'T WORRY!
TAKE YOUR TIME

YOU'RE NOT
WORRIED AT ALL, ARE YOU?
DID YOU REALLY TAKE ME ALONG ...
BECAUSE I NEED TO GET RYUTO'S MEDICINE?
...
NO?!

GRRROMMM
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
I MEAN IT!!
CRASH

TO MAKE HIM LEAVE ME?!
TO DRIVE KAZUMA AND ME APART?!
DID YOU WANT TO SLEEP WITH ME
HE JUST WANTS TO BE FREE!
FREE FROM THE FAMILY THAT WANTS TO HOLD HIM DOWN.
YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT!
I CAN'T HELP IT THAT YOU HATE ME!
WHATEVER YOU DO TO ME, I'LL DEAL WITH IT!
BUT... LEAVE KAZUMA ALONE!

!!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
STEP
touch
GULP
I'LL STAB YOU!
THEN DO IT ALREADY!

STAB ME...
COME ON...
YOU COULD DO IT

KILL ME
RELEASE ME FROM THIS WORLD!
Amp
Amp
CRASH
AAH...

WHY ...?
DOKUDOKU
HE ORDERED IT!
IT'S STEEP HERE!
WATCH THE ROAD!
WHY DID YOU TRICK ME AWAY?
FOR WHAT ?!
YOU CAN'T TURN HERE!
THE STREET !
WE'RE GOING BACK!
LET GO OF ME!
KAZUMA?
VROOOOOOOM

GASP
!!
Let go of me!!

AND WHAT... HAPPENED TO AWA?
HE DIED!

THREW HIM OFF!
BASILIS
CRASH

AAH ...
OW!
ARE YOU... OKAY?
KAZUMA?
KAZUMA ...
KAZUMA?!

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chapter 12 Wronged Love

A BADLY WOUNDED ONE... CAR ACCIDENT!
GET HIM TO THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT!
LET THEM KNOW IN THE OPERATING ROOM!
LOTS OF BLOOD LOSS!
HE...
HE'S GOING TO MAKE IT, RIGHT?
KAZUMA...
PLEASE COME ALONG NOW...

HE'S GOING TO MAKE IT, ISN'T HE?!
SPLASH
AAH ...
N.

NO
N...
RYUTO

I'M DOING THIS TO YOU!
TO TAKE YOU AWAY FROM KAZUMA!
I MEAN THAT!
SPLASH
SPLASH
BUT
I DON'T LOVE YOU.

I DON'T LOVE YOU.
WHAT?

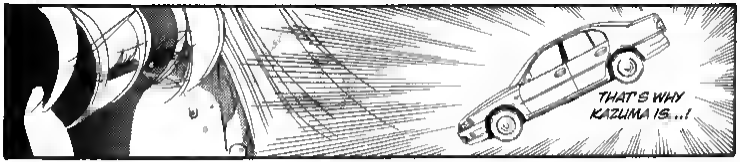
AH
GRAB
AAH
ARGH
AAH
RYUTO?

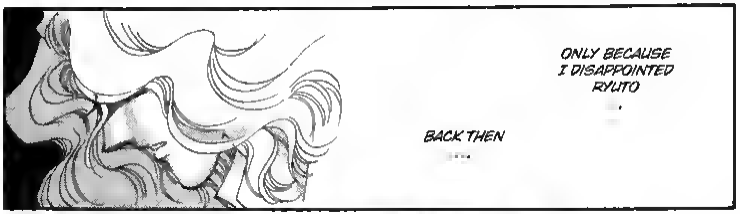
I'M EXHAUSTED
BAM
BAM
BAM
MISTER MIDORI-KAWA!
SATOMI JUST CALLED!
HE AND KAZUMA WERE IN AN ACCIDENT!

KAZUMA!!
TAL

HOW IS HE?
RYUTO!
SHUKA
HIS CHEST WAS BADLY HURT
HIS RIGHT ARM AND SEVERAL RIBS ARE BROKEN
CRITICAL
THEY'RE PREPARING FOR THE OPERATION!
KAZUMA !!
I DON'T KNOW
ALL OF A SUDDEN, HE WANTED TO GO BACK
SATOMI!
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
STEP
STEP
STEP

HE GOT UPSET
BECAUSE I LED HIM AWAY FOR YOU TWO TO BE ALONE.
HE WANTED TO TURN
BUT ON THE NARROW MOUNTAIN ROAD


THAT'S WHY KAZUMA IS...!


ONLY BECAUSE I DISAPPOINTED RYUTO
BACK THEN

HOW CAN YOU BE SO CRUEL?
YOU DROVE YOUR FATHER-IN-LAW TO HIS DEATH.
AND NOW YOUR NEPHEW TOO?

Murderer!
KAZUMA!
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER

DOES ANYONE HERE HAVE THE SAME BLOOD TYPE AS THE PATIENT?
OUR RESERVES AREN'T ENOUGH
I...
DO YOU BELONG TO THE FAMILY?
WE'LL BE STARTING THE OPERATION
PLEASE SAVE HIM!
WE'LL DO WHAT WE CAN.
BUT ...
BUT ...?!
TYPE A NEGATIVE?
NO ...
IT'S OKAY ...
LET ME ...
SWOOSH
MA'AM!
I WON'T LET YOU KILL KAZUMA!
DON'T YOU DARE COME ANY CLOSER TO HIM!

NO!
HOLD HER!
HE'S BADLY WOUNDED!
LET GO, MA'AM!
..!
KAZUMA !!
SHUKA ..?
HOLD ON!!
CLATTER
KAZUMA!
ONLY THE PEOPLE WHO CAN GIVE BLOOD CAN COME!
CLATTER CLATTER

THE SON OF MY SISTER!
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE ...
YOU HAVE TO BECOME MY SUCCESSOR!
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
I'LL GIVE ALL OF MY BLOOD IF YOU NEED IT!
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
DON'T DIE!
KAZUMA!!
RYUTO...?
YOU CAN'T GO BEFORE ME ...
TO SEE MY SISTER!!

EVERY-THING OKAY?
YOU NEED TO REST AFTER GIVING BLOOD
KAZUMA..
HE LOOKS TROUBLED..
WHAT DID I EVER SEE IN HIM?
RYUTO AND KAZUMA
ARE IRREVERSIBLY BOUND TOGETHER

IN REALITY, HE LOVES HIM
THE ONE HE SEEMS TO HATE ...
ALL THIS HATE ...
IS LOVE ...
NOTHING BUT LOVE...

BLINK
OPERATION
THERE'S NO LONGER A THREAT TO HIS LIFE!
THE OPERATION IS OVER!

KAZUMA
...

SHUKA
YOU'RE AWAKE!
I'M SO GLAD!
YOU HAVEN'T STIRRED SINCE THE OPERATION!
OPER-ATION?
WHERE AM I?
IN THE HOSPITAL
YOU WERE IN AN ACCIDENT.

JERK
AAH!
KAZUMA!
THE PAIN-KILLERS ARE WEARING OFF
IT'LL BE THREE MONTHS UNTIL EVERY-THING IS HEALED

TELL ME, SHUKA
PLEASE TELL ME
THAT NOTHING HAPPENED BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU!
IT'S ENOUGH IF YOU JUST NOD!
KAZUMA
I...
DARE I ...
SAY THAT NOTHING HAPPENED?
CAN I DO THAT?
WHY DO YOU THINK SO BADLY ABOUT RYUTO?
HE GAVE BLOOD FOR YOU.

I'LL TELL HIM.
I SLEPT WITH HER!
RYUTO!
AND I'M HAPPY ABOUT IT.

YOU PIG!
bolt
!!
KAZUMA?
KAZUMA!
AAH
TAKE CARE OF HIM.

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KAZUMA
PLEASE
CALM DOWN!
DON'T TOUCH ME!!
HE WAS LYING
HE JUST WANTED TO BOTHER YOU
THAT'S HIS WAY OF SHOWING THAT HE LOVES YOU
PLEASE UNDER-STAND

RYUTO!
I'M GOING TO TOKYO!
THE TWO OF THEM ARE STAYING HERE.
TAKE CARE OF THEM!
I'D LIKE TO REST A BIT MYSELF.
ACTUALLY, WHY ARE YOU ONLY LIGHTLY WOUNDED?
LIGHTLY WOUNDED?

VROOM
TAKE THE WEEK OFF
AND WHOSE FAULT IS ALL OF THIS?
CAN I LAY DOWN, DRIVER?
YOU! DON'T LOOK SO GOOD!
BACK TO THE HOSPITAL?
NO, BRING ME TO TOKYO
COLLAPSE

IT'S POSSIBLE
THAT THE ARM DOESN'T HEAL LIKE IT SHOULD.
EXAMINATIO ROOM
YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REGAIN FULL MOTION WITH IT.
DON'T THINK ABOUT IT, KAZUMA!
HE SAID "MAYBE"!
YEAH
I CAN'T WORK ANYMORE?
BUT, WHAT IF

WITHOUT SCULPTURES
WITHOUT ART ...
MY LIFE HAS NO POINT.
I'D BE AT A LOSS AS WELL.
WON'T LIKE ME ANY-MORE.
MAYBE YOU
NONSENSE!
KAZUMA?
KAZUMA
EVERY DAY, HE LOSES
CONFIDENCE IN HIMSELF.

SHUKA
HOW IS KAZUMA?
THEY FINALLY TOOK THE CAST OFF!
IT'S NICE OF YOU TO VISIT HIM EVERY DAY!
THESE APPLES ARE FROM THE NEIGHBOR'S GARDEN.
FOR KAZUMA!
AH, THANK YOU!
I'M SICK OF BEING LOCKED IN!
I WANT TO GO BACK TO TOKYO!
YOU'RE NOT YET FULLY HEALED!
BAMM

HAVE PATIENCE!
IF YOU GET IMPATIENT NOW, MAYBE SOMETHING REALLY WILL GO WRONG!
YOU'RE MAKING GOOD PROCESS!
I DON'T WANT HIM TO!
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT!
HE'S PAYING FOR ALL OF THEM, ISN'T HE?
YOU NEVER THINK ABOUT THE HOSPITAL BILLS?
WHOOSH
NOW HE'S INSULTED

AND I DON'T WANT
YOU TO NOT CARE
THAT HE'S PAYING FOR ALL OF THIS!
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T CARE
EAT AN APPLE!
I PEELED IT FOR YOU!
HERE!
THERE WAS SOMETHING BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU THAT NIGHT!
THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T CARE THAT HE'S PAYING!
KAZUMA
QUIT WHINING!
YOU'RE NOT A CHILD ANYMORE!

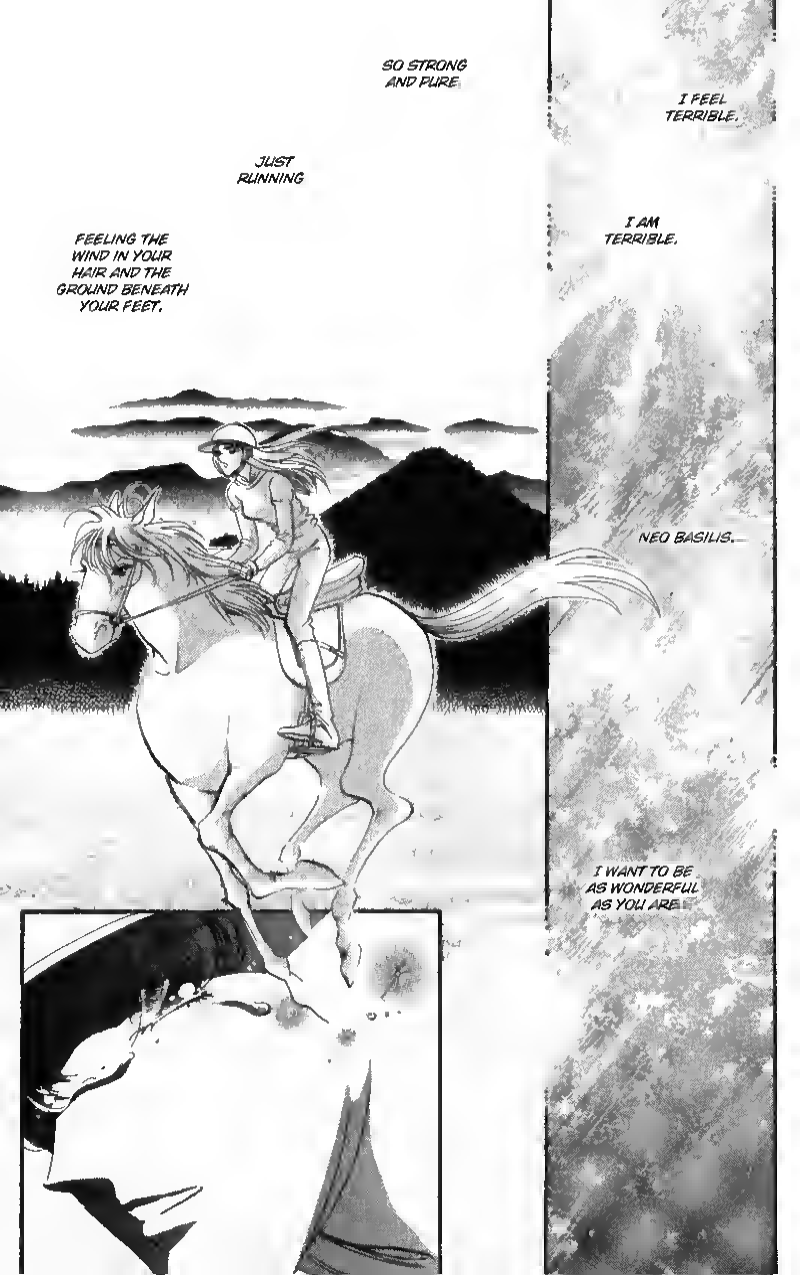
BATS
AH ...
SHUKA
IF YOU LOVE HIM MORE THAN YOU LOVE ME
STOP IT!!
YOUR WOUNDS!

HAVE YOU GONE NUTS?!
SLAP
THAT'S... IT!
GO!
DISAPPEAR!
NOW!!

OH, SHUKA!
DID KAZUMA ENJOY THE APPLES?
YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH

WHINNEY
RYUTO
...
MAYBE KAZUMA IS RIGHT.
I CAN'T GET HIM OUT OF MY HEAD.

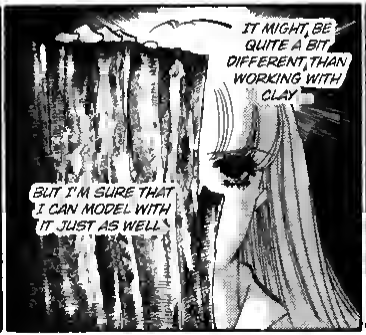
GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP
UNBE-
LIEV-
ABLE!
THE WAY
SHE CAN
HANDLE
NEO BASILIS!
MISTER
MIDORIKAWA
CAN'T EVEN
APPROACH
THE HORSE!
NOBODY
IN THE FAMILY
CAN RIDE IT!
NEO
BASILIS
LETS
HERSELF
BE
RIDDEN
AS IF SHE
WERE HER
MISTRESS!

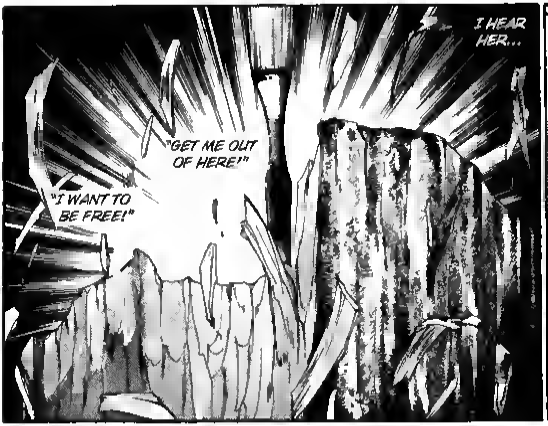

SO STRONG AND PURE.
I FEEL TERRIBLE.
JUST RUNNING
I AM TERRIBLE.
FEELING THE WIND IN YOUR HAIR AND THE GROUND BENEATH YOUR FEET.
NEO BASILIS...
I WANT TO BE AS WONDERFUL AS YOU ARE.

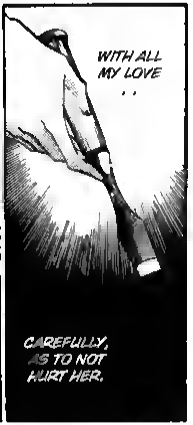
I'LL MAKE A SCULPTURE OF NEO BASILIS.
SHE BARELY COMES OUT OF THE STALLS ANYMORE.
SHE'S STILL DRAWING!

ONLY, NEO BASILIS.
THEY DON'T MATTER IN ANY OF THIS.
THE HOTEL, MONEY, OR PRIZES...

NEO BASILIS IS HIDING IN THIS TREE STUMP, AND I'LL CARVE HER OUT OF IT!


IT MIGHT BE QUITE A BIT DIFFERENT THAN WORKING WITH CLAY
BUT I'M SURE THAT I CAN MODEL WITH IT JUST AS WELL


I HEAR HER...
"GET ME OUT OF HERE!"
"I WANT TO BE FREE!"


WITH ALL MY LOVE . .
CAREFULLY, AS TO NOT HURT HER.

"I WANT TO RUN!"
KAZUMA!
WHEN DID THE DOCTORS RELEASE YOU?
I'M ALLOWED OUTSIDE, AS LONG AS I REGULARLY GO IN FOR CHECK-UPS
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IS THAT FOR THE COMPE-TITION?
YOU'RE WORKING ON A SCULPTURE IN HERE?
THEN NEO BASILIS WILL CONTINUOUSLY BE LOOKING AT HERSELF.
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A SICKLING!
I'M PERFECTLY HEALTHY!
EH
JERK
I'M NOT MAKING THIS ONE FOR THE COMPETITION
NO!
BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU STEP!
IS EVERY-THING OKAY?

THE BASILIS FIGURE FOR THE HOTEL IN PARIS
I'M GOING TO MAKE IT!
I'M BETTER THAN YOU!
AND I WILL ALWAYS BE BETTER!
I WON'T GIVE UP!
I'LL PROVE IT TO YOU AND TO HIM!

SKETCH
SKETCH
I CAN MOVE MY ARM AGAIN!
SKETCH
KAZUMA ...
SKETCH
SKETCH

AGAIN ...
KAZUMA ...
AFTER THE PHYSICAL THERAPY, IT'LL BE JUST LIKE BEFORE!
SHRED SHRED
shake shake shake
DAMNIT!
I WON'T GIVE UP!

I KNOW!!
CALM DOWN!!
EVERY-THING WILL BE OKAY!!
YOU'LL HEAL!
DON'T WORRY!
AND HAVE PATIENCE!
I'LL BE ...
YOUR RIGHT ARM!
WE'LL DO IT TOGETHER!

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A word from the author:

For the research of "Basilis", I was in Paris for a little while. I saw a ton of horse statues, but also dogs that were being walked. Those were so cute! Actually, I'm a total cat person. But the dogs of Paris, who drooled all over me, were the most wonderful dogs. I read somewhere that Paris ladies love dogs, and Paris men prefer cats. I only saw one cat there. But that was a fat, wild example – not cute at all. The cute kitties of Paris are probably all hidden at home...